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# A multiplication on the twisted tensor product

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $G$  be a connected topological group. We define the right adjoint action  $ad : G \times G \rightarrow G$  by  $ad(g, h) = h^{-1}gh$ . Then the cohomology  $H^*(G; \mathbf{Z}/l)$  is regarded as a right  $H^*(G; \mathbf{Z}/l)$ -comodule under the coaction induced by the adjoint action. The comodule is denoted by  $H^*(G; \mathbf{Z}/l)_c$  below. In this note, the algebra structure of

$$E := \text{Cotor}_{H^*(G; \mathbf{Z}/l)}(H^*(G; \mathbf{Z}/l)_c, \mathbf{Z}/l)$$

is considered from the viewpoint of the a differential graded algebra structure of the twisted tensor product due to Brown [1]. The existence of the following three spectral sequences motivates the consideration of the algebra structure of  $E$ .

(1) Let  $G(\mathbf{F}_q)$  be a finite Chevalley group of Lie type over the finite field  $\mathbf{F}_q$  of  $q$  elements and  $l$  a prime number. By applying the Deligne spectral sequence in the case where the characteristic of  $\mathbf{F}_q$  is prime to  $l$ , Tezuka [7] has constructed a spectral sequence converging to  $H^*(BG(\mathbf{F}_q); \mathbf{Z}/l)$ . In particular if  $q - 1 \equiv 0$  modulo  $l$ , then the  $E_2$ -term of the spectral sequence is isomorphic to  $E$  as an algebra for many cases.

(2) Let  $BLG$  be the classifying space of the loop group  $LG$  consisting of all continuous maps from the circle to  $G$ . Then there exists the

Eilenberg-Moore spectral sequence, whose  $E_2$ -term is isomorphic to  $E$  as an algebra, converging to  $H^*(BLG; \mathbf{Z}/l)$ .

(3) Let  $X$  be a simply connected finite CW-complex. Following Milnor's description of universal bundles over a space, we can regard the loop space  $\Omega X$ , which is the subspace of the free loop space  $LX$  consisting of based loops, as a topological group  $G$ . Therefore we have the Eilenberg-Moore spectral sequence converging to  $H^*(LX; \mathbf{Z}/l)$  with  $E_2 \cong E$  as an algebra.

One will know that it is important to clarify the algebra structure of  $E$  as the first step in computing those spectral sequences.

Let  $G$  be a connected complex Lie group with the same Lie type as that of a finite Chevalley group  $G(\mathbf{F}_q)$ . As for the cohomology algebras of  $BG(\mathbf{F}_q)$  and  $BLG$ , Tezuka [15] has proposed a problem whether the cohomologies  $H^*(BG(\mathbf{F}_q); \mathbf{Z}/l)$  and  $H^*(BLG; \mathbf{Z}/l)$  are isomorphic as an algebra in the case where  $l$  is odd and divides  $q - 1$  but does not divide  $q$  or  $l = 2$  and 4 divides  $q - 1$ . As mentioned in [15], the answer is affirmative if the integral cohomology of  $G$  has no  $l$ -torsion. The main theorem in [6] and the explicit calculation of  $H^*(BG(\mathbf{F}_q); \mathbf{Z}/l)$  due to Kleinerman [3] guarantee the result. To shed light on left part of the problem, we will consider the structure of  $E$  for the case where  $H^*(G; \mathbf{Z})$  has  $l$ -torsion.

## 2 Results

Before stating our results, we recall a construction of the twisted tensor product due to Brown (see [1], [14] or [4]). Let  $A$  be a coalgebra over  $\mathbf{Z}/l$  with coproduct  $\phi_A$  and augmentation  $\varepsilon$ . Let  $L$  be a  $\mathbf{Z}/lp$ -subspace of  $A$ ,  $\iota : L \rightarrow A$  the inclusion and  $\theta : A \rightarrow L$  a map such that  $\theta \circ \iota = id_L$ . We define the map  $\bar{\theta} : A \rightarrow sL$  by  $\bar{\theta} = s \circ \theta$  and  $\bar{\iota} : sL \rightarrow A$  by  $\bar{\iota} = \iota \circ s^{-1}$ , where  $s : L \rightarrow sL$  is a suspension. Construct the tensor product  $X = T(sL)$  and denote by  $\psi$  the product in  $T(sL)$ . The map  $\bar{\theta}$  induces a map  $A \rightarrow T(sL)$  which is again denoted by  $\bar{\theta}$ . Let  $I$  be the ideal of  $T(sL)$  generated by  $(\psi \circ (\bar{\theta} \otimes \bar{\theta}) \circ \phi_A) (\ker \bar{\theta})$ . The twisted tensor product  $(W, d)$  with respect to  $\bar{\theta}$  is defined as follows; we put

$W = A \otimes X/I = A \otimes \bar{X}$  and define the differential operator  $d_W$  by

$$d_W = 1 \otimes d_{\bar{X}} + (1 \otimes \psi) \circ (1 \otimes \bar{\theta} \otimes 1) \circ (\phi_A \otimes 1), \text{ where} \\ d_{\bar{X}} = -\psi \circ (\bar{\theta} \otimes \bar{\theta}) \circ \phi_A \circ \bar{\iota}.$$

We may denote the twisted tensor product  $W$  with respect to  $\bar{\theta} : A \rightarrow sL$  by  $A \otimes_{\theta} \bar{X}$ .

Let  $G$  be a compact, simply connected, simple exceptional Lie group. Then it is known [9] that a suitable choice of a subspace  $L$  of  $H^*(G; \mathbf{Z}/l)$  makes the twisted tensor product into an injective resolution  $0 \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}/l \rightarrow H^*(G; \mathbf{Z}/l) \otimes_{\theta} \bar{X}$  over the coalgebra  $A$ . Moreover the algebra structure of  $\bar{X}$  induces that of the complex

$$(\mathbf{Z}/l \square_{H^*(G; \mathbf{Z}/l)} (H^*(G; \mathbf{Z}/l) \otimes_{\theta} \bar{X}), 1 \square d_W) \cong (\bar{X}, d_{\bar{X}})$$

Consequently we have

$$\text{Cotor}_{H^*(G; \mathbf{Z}/l)}(\mathbf{Z}/l, \mathbf{Z}/l) \cong H(\bar{X}, d_{\bar{X}}) \text{ as an algebra.}$$

In this note, we consider a multiplication  $m_W$  on the twisted tensor product  $A \otimes_{\theta} \bar{X}$  for a Hopf algebra  $A$ , in the sense of Milnor and Moore [8], such that the differential  $d_W$  is derivative under the multiplication. In order to define a multiplication  $m_W$  explicitly, we will assume that the  $\mathbf{Z}/l$ -subspace  $L$  of  $A$  satisfies the following condition.

(I) *There exist the set  $Q$  of indecomposable elements of  $A$  and a basis  $\{x_i\}$  of  $L$  such that  $\{x_i\} \subset Q \cup Q^2$ , where  $Q^2 = \{\alpha^2 | \alpha \in Q \cap \text{Prim } A\}$  and, as an algebra,*

$$A \cong \bigotimes_{x_s \in S} \mathbf{Z}/p[x_s]/(x_s^{p^{n_s}}) \otimes \bigotimes_{x_t \in T} \Lambda(x_t),$$

where  $S \cup T = Q \cap \{x_i\}$  and  $S \cap T = \emptyset$ . Moreover, we also assume that

(II)  $(\psi \circ (\bar{\theta} \otimes \bar{\theta}) \circ \phi_A)(\ker \bar{\theta}) = \mathbf{Z}/l\{(\psi \circ (\bar{\theta} \otimes \bar{\theta}) \circ \phi_A)(x_i x_j) | x_i, x_j \in \{x_i\}, i \neq j\}$ ,

(III) for any  $a \in Q$ ,  $\bar{\theta}(y a_i'') = 0$  for any  $y \in \bar{A}$ , where  $\phi_A(a) = \sum_i a_i' \otimes a_i'' + a \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes a$  and that

(IV) for any  $x$  and  $y \in \{x_i\}$ ,  $\bar{\theta}(xy) \neq 0$  if and only if  $x = y$  and

$$x^2 \in Q^2.$$

We mention here that the conditions (I), (II) (III) and (IV) hold in the cases  $(PU(3), 3)$ ,  $(F_4, 3)$ ,  $(E_8, 3)$ ,  $(E_6, p)$ ,  $(E_7, p)$  for  $l = 2$  and  $3$  which have been studied by Kono, Mimura, Sambe and Shimada ([4],[5], [10], [11]).

The following is one of the our main theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $A$  be a Hopf algebra over  $\mathbf{Z}/l$ . For any elements  $a \otimes \theta x$  and  $b \otimes \theta y$  of  $A \otimes_\theta \bar{X}$ , define  $m_W : A \otimes_\theta \bar{X} \otimes A \otimes_\theta \bar{X} \rightarrow A \otimes_\theta \bar{X}$  by*

$$m_W(a \otimes \theta x \otimes b \otimes \theta y) = a \otimes \theta x \cdot b \otimes \theta y = \sum_i (-1)^{|\theta x||b'_i|} ab'_i \otimes \theta(xb''_i)\theta y,$$

and

$$(\theta x_1 \cdots \theta x_s) \cdot a = (\theta x_1(\theta x_2(\cdots (\theta x_s \cdot a)) \cdots)),$$

where  $\phi_A(b) = \sum_i b'_i \otimes b''_i$ . If  $m_W$  is well-defined, then  $(A \otimes_\theta \bar{X}, d_W, m_W)$  is a differential graded algebra.

By comparing the differential algebra structure of the cobar resolution [13, 7.A, 1.2] of the left  $A$ -comodule  $\mathbf{Z}/l$  and that of the twisted tensor product mentioned above, we can prove Theorem 1.

**Theorem 2.2.** *If  $l = 2$  or  $3$  and the condition (I), (II), (III) and (IV) hold, then the multiplication  $m_W$  is well-defined.*

In the case where  $A = H^*(E_8; \mathbf{Z}/5)$ , explicit calculation for the differential  $d_W$  and the multiplication  $m_W$  on  $A \otimes_\theta \bar{X}$  allow us to obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $A \otimes_\theta \bar{X}$  be the twisted tensor product of  $H^*(E_8; \mathbf{Z}/5)$  constructed in [12]. Then  $(A \otimes_\theta \bar{X}, d_W, m_W)$  is a well-defined differential graded algebra.*

In the case where  $A = H^*(E_8; \mathbf{Z}/2)$ , indecomposable elements  $x$  on  $A$  can be chosen so that  $\bar{\Delta}(x)$  is in  $P \otimes P$ , where  $P$  is the  $\mathbf{Z}/2$ -subspace of  $A$  consisting of primitive elements. Thanks to this fact, we can easily verify that the multiplication  $m_W$  is well-defined.

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $A \otimes_\theta \bar{X}$  be the twisted tensor product of  $H^*(E_8; \mathbf{Z}/2)$  constructed in [9]. Then  $(A \otimes_\theta \bar{X}, d_W, m_W)$  is a well-defined differential graded algebra.*

In order to prove that the multiplication  $m_W$  induces the algebra structure on  $\text{Cotor}_A(A, \mathbf{Z}/p)$ , it suffices to prove

**Proposition 2.5.** *Let  $p$  be a prime number and  $\mu : A \otimes A \rightarrow A$  the multiplication of  $A$ . Then the map  $m_W : A \otimes_\theta \bar{X} \otimes A \otimes_\theta \bar{X} \rightarrow A \otimes_\theta \bar{X}$  is a  $\mu$ -morphism if  $m_W$  is well-defined, that is, the following diagram is commutative:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \otimes_\theta \bar{X} \otimes A \otimes_\theta \bar{X} & \xrightarrow{\psi_1} & (A \otimes A) \otimes A \otimes_\theta \bar{X} \otimes A \otimes_\theta \bar{X} \\ m_W \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu \otimes m_W \\ A \otimes_\theta \bar{X} & \xrightarrow[\psi_2]{} & A \otimes A \otimes_\theta \bar{X}, \end{array}$$

where  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$  are the comodule structures of  $A \otimes_\theta \bar{X} \otimes A \otimes_\theta \bar{X}$  and  $A \otimes_\theta \bar{X}$  respectively.

Let  $A$  denote the mod  $l$  cohomology  $H^*(G; \mathbf{Z}/p)$ . Since  $ad^* \otimes 1 : A \otimes \bar{X} \rightarrow A \square_A (A \otimes \bar{X})$  is the isomorphism with the inverse  $1 \otimes \varepsilon \otimes 1$ , we can define a differential on  $A \otimes \bar{X}$  by the compositions

$$A \otimes \bar{X} \xrightarrow{ad^* \otimes 1} A \square_A (A \otimes \bar{X}) \xrightarrow{inc} A \otimes (A \otimes \bar{X}) \xrightarrow{1 \otimes d_W} A \otimes (A \otimes \bar{X}) \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \varepsilon \otimes 1} A \otimes \bar{X}.$$

A straightforward calculation for the differential  $d : A \otimes \bar{X} \rightarrow A \otimes \bar{X}$  enables us to obtain the following explicit formula for  $d$ .

**Lemma 2.6.** *We write as  $\Delta_A(x) = x \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x + \sum_i x'_i \otimes x''_i$  for  $x \in A$ . If  $x'_i$  is primitive for any  $i$ , then*

$$dx = - \sum_i (-1)^{|x''_i|(|x'_i|+1)} x''_i \otimes \theta x'_i + \sum_i (-1)^{|x'_i|} x'_i \otimes \theta x''_i.$$

The multiplication  $m_W$  on the twisted tensor product  $A \otimes_\theta \bar{X}$  induces a multiplication  $m$  on  $A \otimes \bar{X}$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} A \otimes \bar{X} \otimes A \otimes \bar{X} &\xrightarrow{ad^* \otimes 1 \otimes qd^* \otimes 1} A \square_A (A \otimes \bar{X}) \otimes A \square_A (A \otimes \bar{X}) \xrightarrow{inc} \\ A \otimes (A \otimes \bar{X}) \otimes A \otimes (A \otimes \bar{X}) &\longrightarrow A \otimes A \otimes (A \otimes \bar{X}) \otimes (A \otimes \bar{X}) \xrightarrow{m_A \otimes m_W} \\ &A \otimes (A \otimes \bar{X}) \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \varepsilon \otimes 1} A \otimes \bar{X}. \end{aligned}$$

We can obtain an explicit formula for the multiplication  $m$  on  $A \otimes \bar{X}$ .

**Lemma 2.7.** *We write as  $\Delta_A(a) = a \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes a + \sum_i a'_i \otimes a''_i$  for  $a \in A$ . If  $a'_i$  is primitive for any  $i$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} \theta x \cdot a &= (-1)^{|\theta x||a|} a \otimes \theta x - \sum_i (-1)^{|a''_i||a'_i| + |a''_i||\theta x|} a''_i \otimes \theta(xa'_i) \\ &\quad + \sum_i (-1)^{|a'_i||\theta x|} a'_i \otimes \theta(xa''_i). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we can obtain a differential graded algebra  $(A \otimes \bar{X}, d, m)$ . From the construction of this differential graded algebra, we have

**Theorem 2.8.** *For the case where  $A = H^*(G; \mathbf{Z}/l)$ , if the twisted tensor product  $(A \otimes_\theta \bar{X}, d_W, m_W)$  is a well-defined differential graded algebra, then, as an algebra,*

$$\text{Cotor}_{H^*(G; \mathbf{Z}/l)}(H^*(G; \mathbf{Z}/l)_c, \mathbf{Z}/l) \cong H(A \otimes \bar{X}, d, m).$$

The proofs of theorems and propositions in this note will be given in a further article [7].

This note will be concluded with some examples of the differential graded algebras  $A \square_A (A \otimes_\theta \bar{X})$  for computing the algebras  $\text{Cotor}_A(A, \mathbf{Z}/l)$ .

The case  $(G, p) = (PU(3), 3)$ .

$$W' = A \square_A (A \otimes_\theta \bar{X}) = \mathbf{Z}/3[x_2]/(x_2^3) \otimes \Lambda(x_1, x_3) \otimes \mathbf{Z}/3\{a_2, a_3, c_5, b_4\}/I,$$

$$\begin{aligned} db_4 &= -a_2a_3, \quad dc_5 = a_3^2, \\ d(x_3) &= x_2 \otimes a_2 + x_1 \otimes a_3, \end{aligned}$$

$$a_3 \cdot x_3 = -x_3 \otimes a_3 + x_1 \otimes c_5.$$

Therefore, we have, as a  $\text{Cotor}_{H^*(PU(3); \mathbf{Z}/3)}(\mathbf{Z}/3, \mathbf{Z}/3)$ -module,

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Cotor}_{H^*(PU(3); \mathbf{Z}/3)}(H^*(PU(3); \mathbf{Z}/3), \mathbf{Z}/3) \cong \\ &\{\mathbf{Z}/3[x_2]/(x_2^3) \otimes \Lambda(x_1) \otimes \mathbf{Z}/3[y_2, y_3, y_7, y_8, y_{12}]/(y_2y_3, y_3^2, y_2y_7, y_7^2, \\ &\quad y_2y_8 + y_3y_7) \\ &\quad \oplus x_3 \cdot (x_1x_2^2, x_1y_7, x_1y_8 + x_2y_7, x_2^2y_2, y_3)\} / (x_2y_2 + x_1y_3). \end{aligned}$$

The case  $(G, p) = (F_4, 3)$ .

$$W' = A \square_A (A \otimes_{\theta} \bar{X}) = \mathbf{Z}/3[x_8]/(x_8^3) \otimes \Lambda(x_3, x_7, x_{11}, x_{15}) \\ \otimes \mathbf{Z}/3\{a_4, a_8, a_9, b_{12}, b_{16}, c_{17}\}/I,$$

$$d(x_j) = x_8 \otimes a_{j-8+1} + x_{j-8} \otimes a_9 \quad (j = 11, 15), \\ d|_{\mathbf{Z}/3\{ \}}/I = \text{the ordinary differential on } \mathbf{Z}/3\{ \}/I,$$

$$a_9 \cdot x_j = -x_j \otimes a_9 + x_{j-8} \otimes c_{17} \quad (j = 11, 15).$$

The case  $(G, p) = (E_6, 3)$ .

$$W' = A \square_A (A \otimes_{\theta} \bar{X}) = \\ \mathbf{Z}/3[x_8]/(x_8^3) \otimes \Lambda(x_3, x_7, x_9, x_{11}, x_{15}, x_{17}) \otimes \\ \mathbf{Z}/3\{a_4, a_8, a_9, a_{10}, b_{12}, b_{16}, b_{18}, c_{17}\}/I,$$

$$d(x_j) = x_8 \otimes a_{j-8+1} + x_{j-8} \otimes a_9 \quad (j = 11, 15, 17), \\ d|_{\mathbf{Z}/3\{ \}}/I = \text{the ordinary differential on } \mathbf{Z}/3\{ \}/I,$$

$$a_9 \cdot x_j = -x_j \otimes a_9 + x_{j-8} \otimes c_{17} \quad (j = 11, 15, 17).$$

The case  $(E_7, 3)$ .

$$W' = A \square_A (A \otimes_{\theta} \bar{X}) = \mathbf{Z}/(x_8^3) \otimes \Lambda(x_3, x_7, x_{11}, x_{15}, x_{19}, x_{27}, x_{35}) \\ \otimes \mathbf{Z}/3\{a_4, a_8, a_9, a_{20}, b_{12}, b_{16}, b_{28}, c_{17}, e_{36}\}/I,$$

$$d(x_j) = x_8 \otimes a_{j-8+1} + x_{j-8} \otimes a_9 \quad (j = 11, 15, 27), \\ d(x_{35}) = x_8 \otimes b_{28} + x_{27} \otimes a_9 - x_8^2 \otimes a_{20} + x_{19} \otimes c_{17}, \\ d|_{\mathbf{Z}/3\{ \}}/I = \text{the ordinary differential on } \mathbf{Z}/3\{ \}/I,$$

$$a_9 \cdot x_j = -x_j \otimes a_9 + x_{j-8} \otimes c_{17} \quad (j = 11, 15, 27, 35).$$

The case  $(E_8, 3)$ .

$$W' = A \square_A (A \otimes_{\theta} \bar{X}) = \\ \mathbf{Z}/3[x_8, x_{20}]/(x_8^3, x_{20}^3) \otimes \Lambda(x_3, x_7, x_{15}, x_{19}, x_{27}, x_{35}, x_{39}, x_{47}) \\ \otimes \mathbf{Z}/3\{a_4, a_8, a_9, a_{20}, a_{21}, c_{17}, c_{41}, b_{16}, b_{40}, d_{28}, e_{36}, e_{48}\}/I,$$

$$d(x_{15}) = x_8 \otimes a_8 + x_7 \otimes a_9, \quad d(x_{39}) = x_{20} \otimes a_{20} + x_{19} \otimes a_{21}, \\ d(x_{27}) = x_8 \otimes a_{20} + x_{19} \otimes a_9 + x_{20} \otimes a_8 + x_7 \otimes a_{21},$$



$$d(x_{35}) = x_8 \otimes d_{28} + x_{27} \otimes a_9 - x_8^2 \otimes a_{20} + x_{19} \otimes c_{17} + x_{20} \otimes b_{16} \\ + x_{15} \otimes a_{21} + x_{20}x_8 \otimes a_8,$$

$$d(x_{47}) = x_8 \otimes b_{40} + x_{39} \otimes a_8 + x_{20} \otimes d_{28} + x_{27} \otimes a_{21} + x_7 \otimes c_{41} \\ - x_{20}^2 \otimes a_8 + x_{20}x_8 \otimes a_{20},$$

$d|_{\mathbf{Z}/3\{ \}}/I$  = the ordinary differential on  $\mathbf{Z}/3\{ \}/I$ ,

$$a_9 \cdot x_{15} = -x_{15} \otimes a_9 + x_7 \otimes c_{17}, \quad a_{21} \cdot x_{39} = -x_{39} \otimes a_{21} + x_{19} \otimes c_{41},$$

$$a_9 \cdot x_{27} = -x_{27} \otimes a_9 + x_{19} \otimes c_{17}, \quad a_{21} \cdot x_{27} = -x_{27} \otimes a_{21} + x_7 \otimes c_{41},$$

$$a_9 \cdot x_{35} = -x_{35} \otimes a_9 + x_{27} \otimes c_{17}, \quad a_{21} \cdot x_{35} = -x_{35} \otimes a_{21} + x_{15} \otimes c_{41},$$

$$a_9 \cdot x_{47} = -x_{47} \otimes a_9 + x_{39} \otimes c_{17}, \quad a_{21} \cdot x_{47} = -x_{47} \otimes a_{21} + x_{27} \otimes c_{41}.$$

The differential operator  $d$  and the bracket  $[ , ]$  are trivial on the generators if they are not indicated above.

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